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TREATMENT OF NEISSERIAL INFECTIONS

PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully submitted that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2006, said period of response being extended from August 24, 2006 to October 24, 2006.

Our check in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3503.

Respectfully submitted,

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